

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 2, 2005 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action, Claims 20-22 have been allowed and Claims 1-19, 23 and 24 have been rejected. Within the present response, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-19, 23 and 24 and have added new Claims 25-36. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation or divisional application as well as for appeal purposes. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Interview

Applicants' attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for his time in discussing the addition of new claims 25-36 on January 17, 2005. From the interview, it was agreed that new claims 25-36 do not add new matter and are allowable for being dependent on allowable base claims.

Allowed Claims

Within the Office Action, Claims 20-22 are stated to be allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10, 12, 14-19, 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,763,486 to Lai et al. (hereinafter Lai). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-10, 12, 14-19, 23 and 24. Therefore, the rejections to these claims are now moot in the present case.

New Claims

The Applicants have added new Claims 25-36 in the present reply. Claims 25-36 dependent on the allowed claims 21 and 22 and are fully supported by the specification. Considering that Claims 21 and 22 are allowed, Claims 25-36 are in condition for allowance for being dependent on allowed base claims.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above amendments and remarks place the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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